

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please cancel the previous Abstract and replace it with the following rewritten abstract.

A scanner apparatus comprises a first device for scanning bank checks and a second device for scanning other paper documents. The first device includes a first input receptacle for receiving checks to be scanned, a first image-scanner unit for scanning a check, a first output receptacle for receiving the check after it has been scanned, and a first conveyor mechanism for conveying checks from the first input receptacle to the first output receptacle, passing in front of the first scanner unit. The second device includes a second input receptacle for receiving paper documents to be scanned, a second image-scanner unit for scanning a paper document, a second output receptacle for receiving the paper document after it has been scanned, and a second conveyor mechanism for conveying a paper document from the second input receptacle to the second output receptacle, passing in front of the second scanner unit.